

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. An Office Action mailed October 4, 2007 rejected Claims 1, 7, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and Claims 1, 4, 7, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. By way of this amendment, Applicant hereby amends Claims 2, 4, 8, and 11 and cancels Claims 1, 7, and 10. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 7 and 10 as failing to set forth the subject matter that which applicant regards as their invention. Applicant hereby amends the language that was previously in Claims 1, 7 and 10 and is now in amended Claims 2, 4, 8 and 11 in order to overcome the noted rejection.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C § 103

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 4, 7, and 10 as being unpatentable over Hanko.

Applicant hereby cancels Claims 1, 7, and 10 and amends Claims 2, 8, and 11 to put them in independent form. Because the Office Action objected to Claims 2, 8, and 11 as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicant submits that amended Claims 2, 8, and 11 are allowable over the cited reference. Because Claims 3-6, 9 and 12 depend from allowable independent claims, they are allowable for the same reasons that make their corresponding independent claims allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the examiner has any questions, the examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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